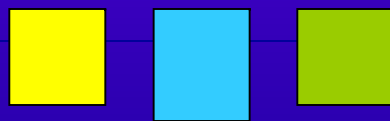


Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage: 2008

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Release Schedule

- **Today, September 10, 2009**
 - 2008 income, poverty and health insurance national level estimates from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS)
- **September 22, 2009**
 - 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) one-year estimates for income and poverty
 - 2008 ACS one-year estimates for health insurance coverage
 - Estimates will be available for the nation, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district and all counties, places and metropolitan areas with populations of 65,000 or more
- **October 27, 2009**
 - 2008 ACS three-year estimates from 2006-2008 for income and poverty for places with populations of 20,000 or more

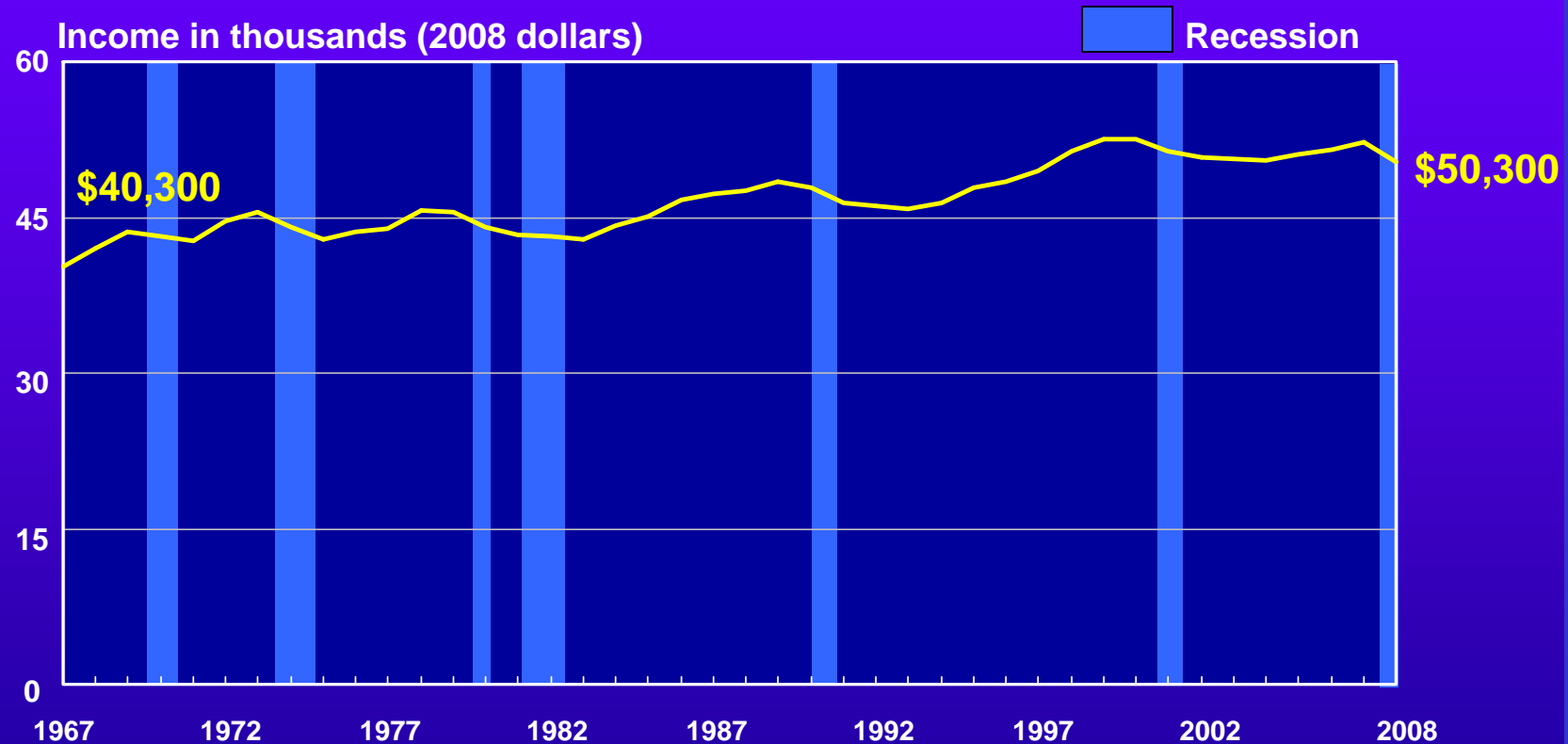
Highlights

- Median household money income for the nation was \$50,300 in 2008, a decline of 3.6 percent from 2007 in real terms. This decline in income coincides with the recession that started in December 2007.
- The 2008 official poverty rate for the nation was 13.2 percent up from 12.5 percent in 2007, with 39.8 million people in poverty, up from 37.3 million in 2007.
- Real median earnings of both men and women who worked full-time, year-round declined between 2007 and 2008. **The female-to-male earnings ratio declined from 0.78 in 2007 to 0.77 in 2008.**
- The number of people without health insurance coverage increased to 46.3 million in 2008 from 45.7 million in 2007. The 2008 uninsured rate for the nation was not statistically different from 2007, at 15.4 percent.

Note: Income rounded to nearest \$100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008 and 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

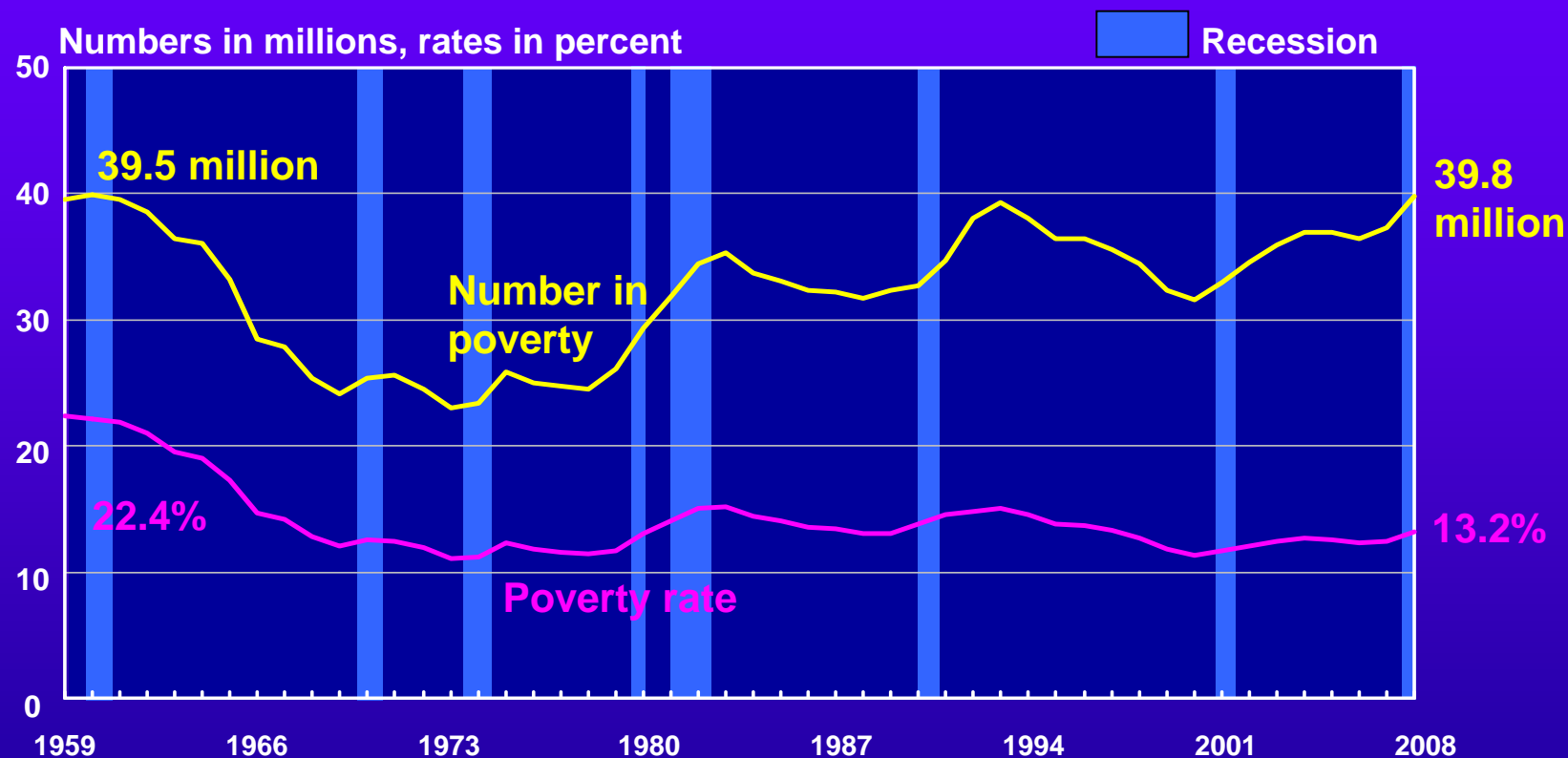
Real Median Household Income: 1967 to 2008



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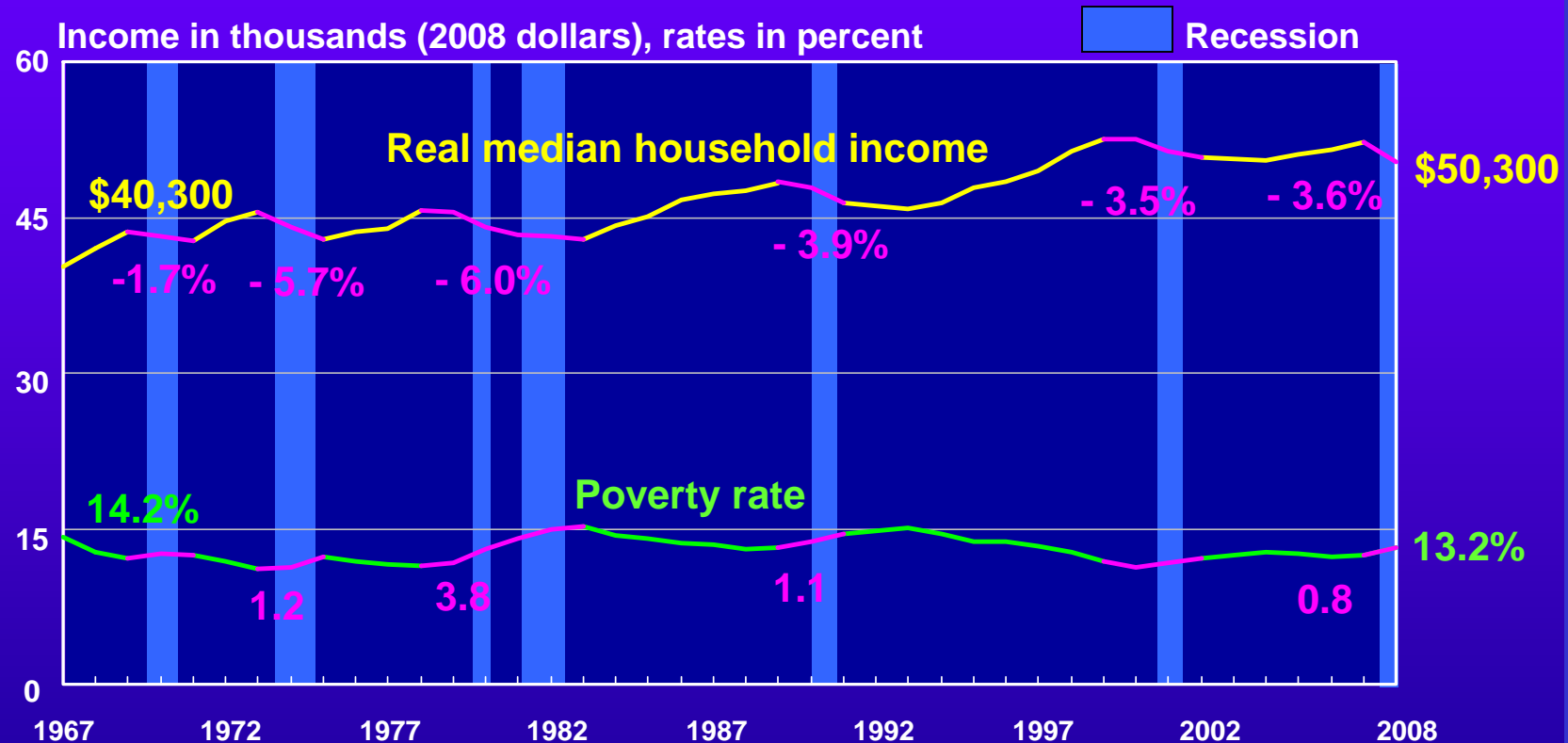
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Poverty: 1959 to 2008



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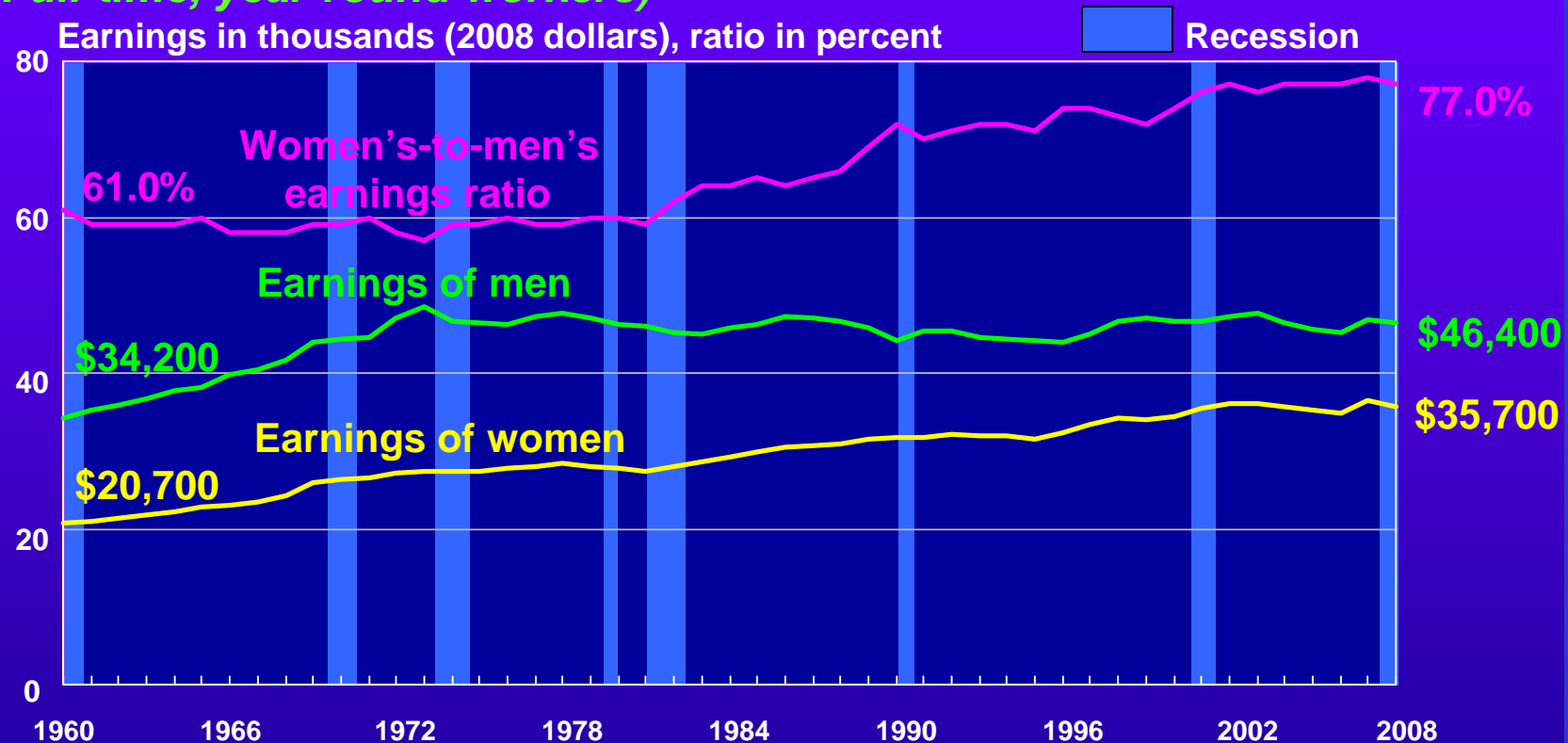
Real Median Household Income and Poverty Rate: 1967 to 2008



Change surrounding recession.
 Poverty expressed as percentage point change. Income expressed as percentage change.
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Women's-to-Men's Median Earnings Ratio and Real Median Earnings: 1960 to 2008

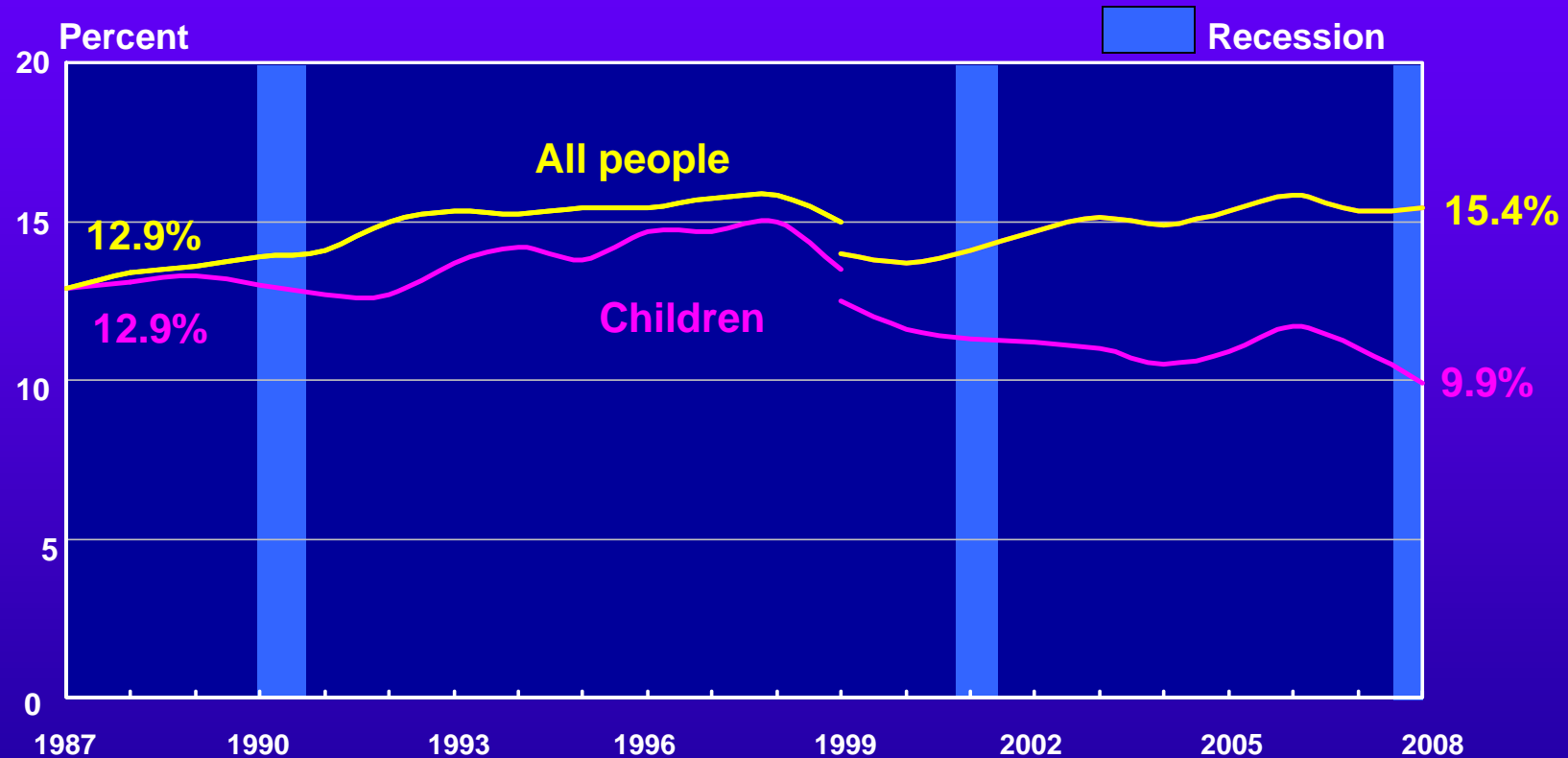
(Full-time, year-round workers)



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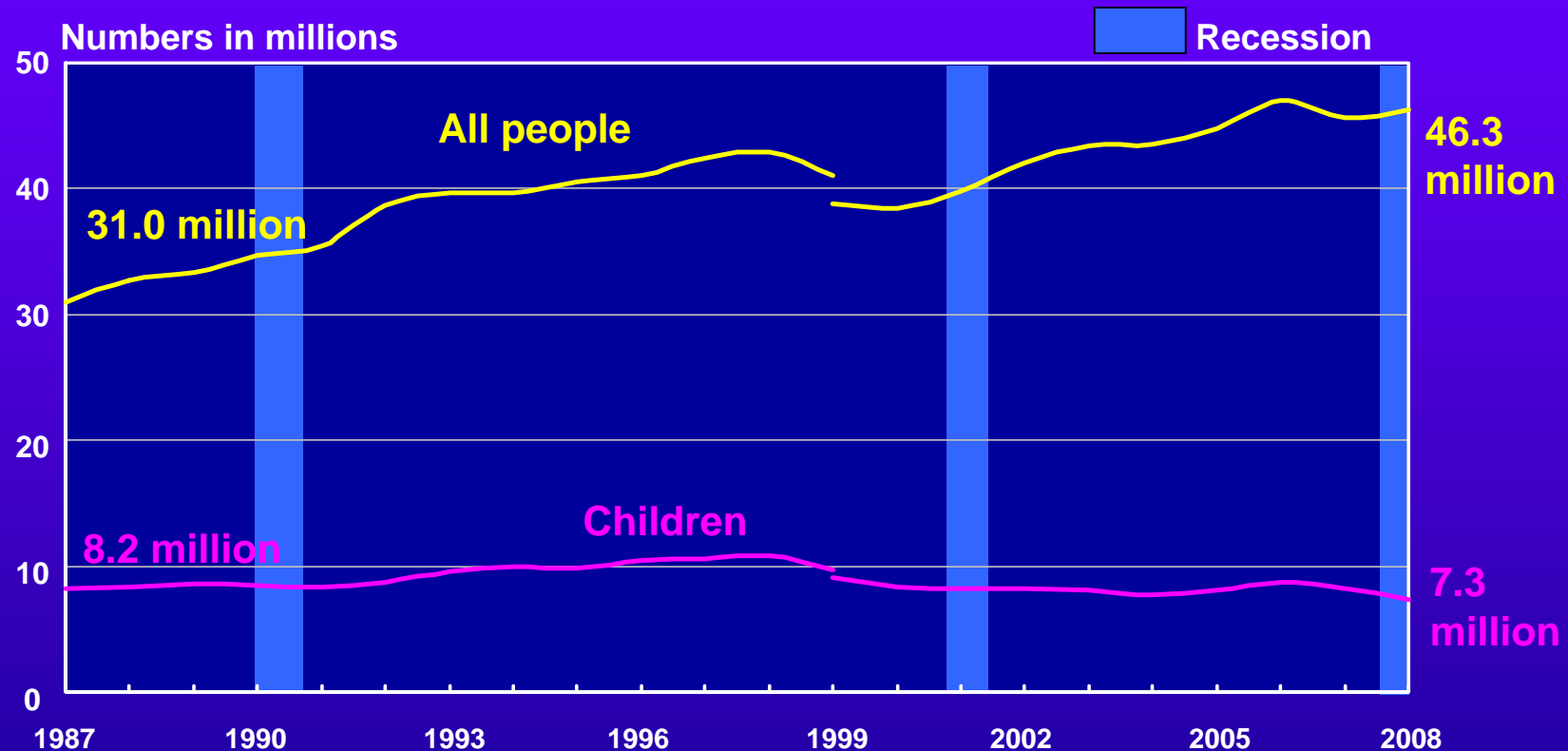
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Percent of People Without Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2008



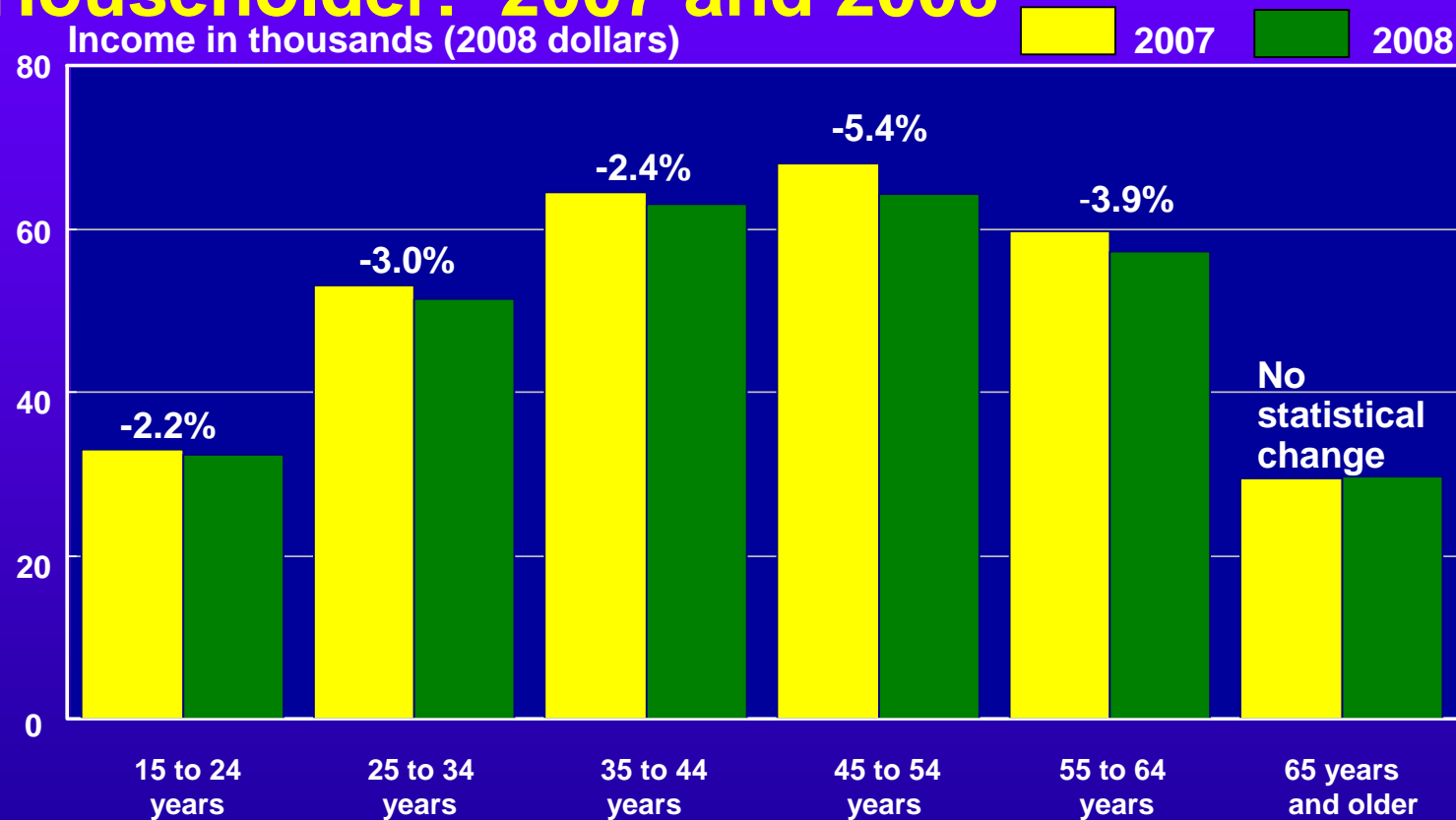
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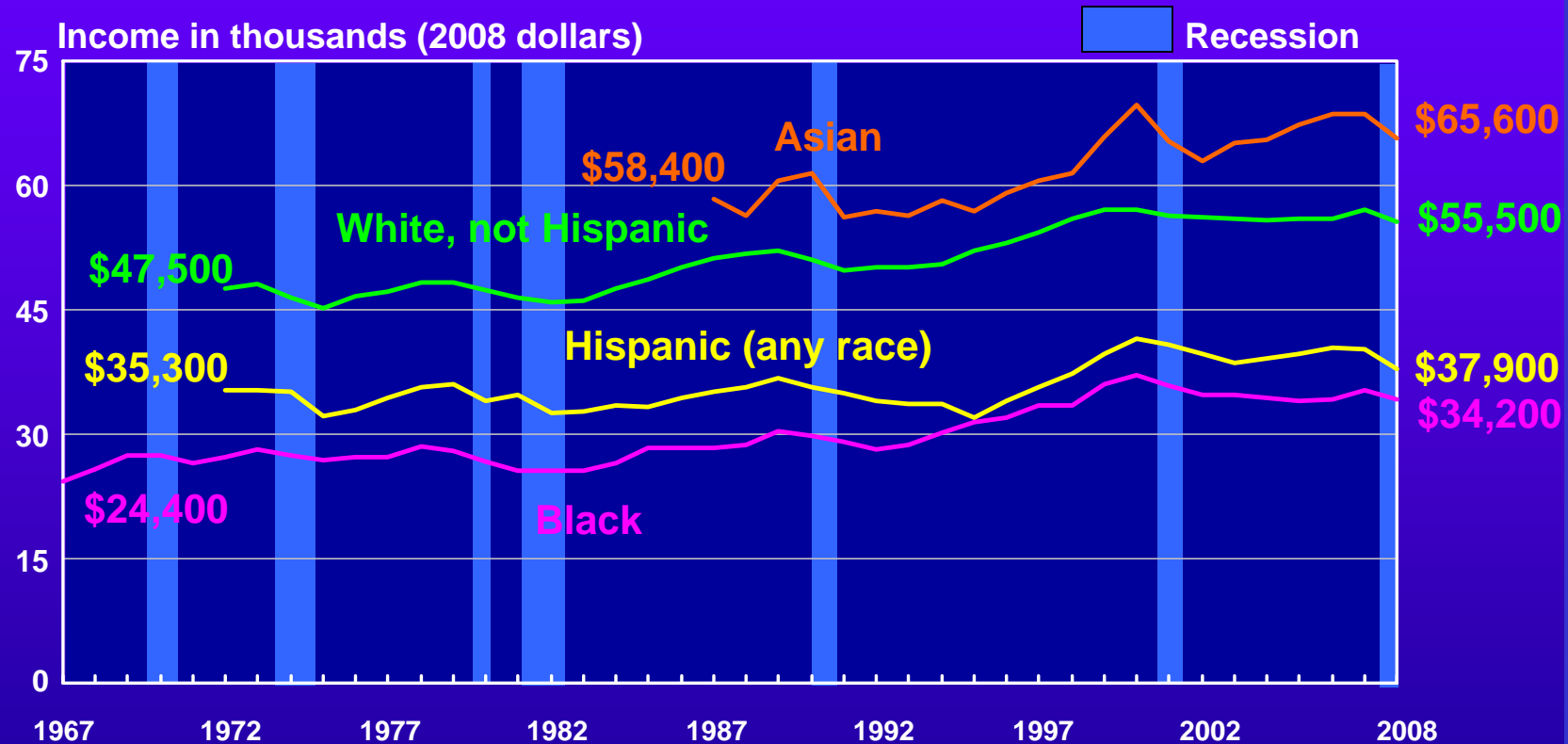
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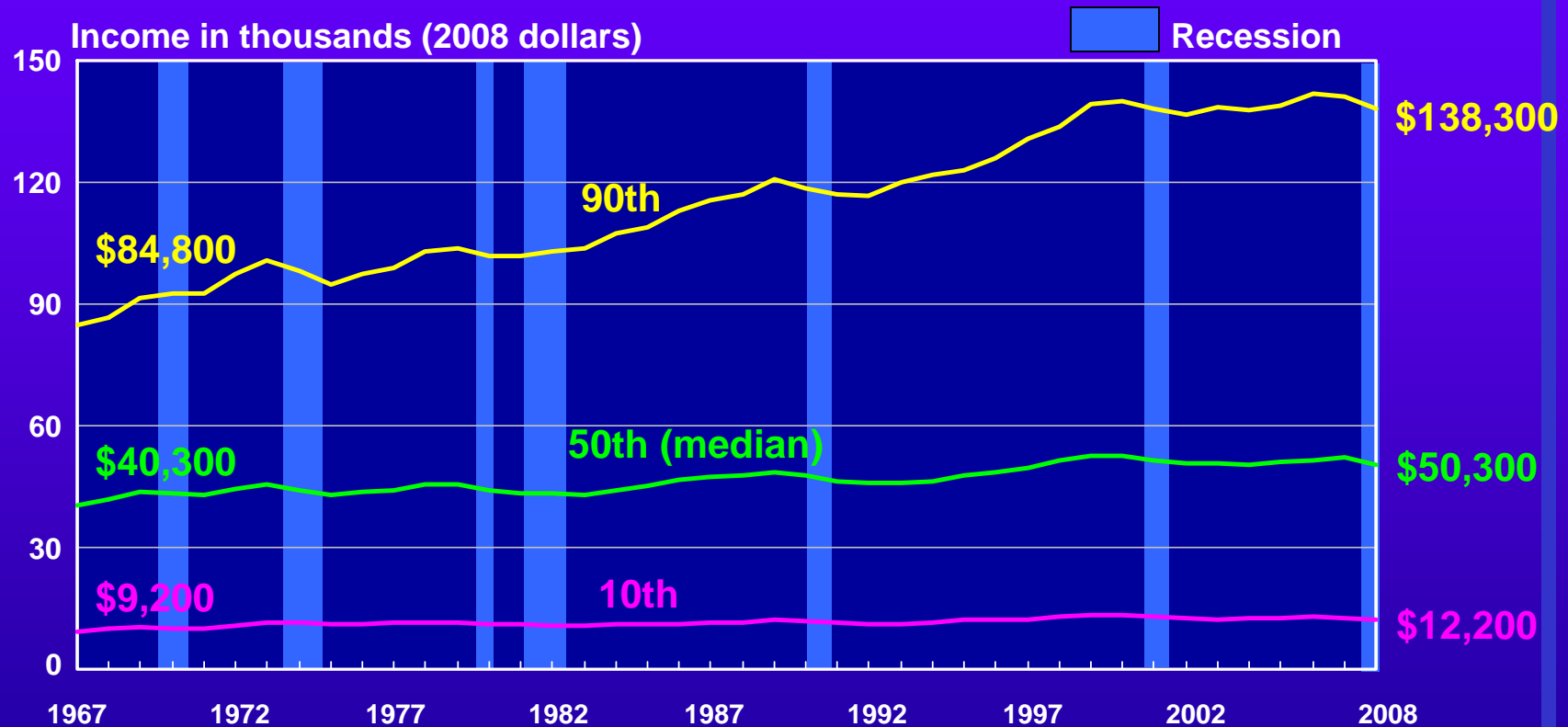
Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1967 to 2008



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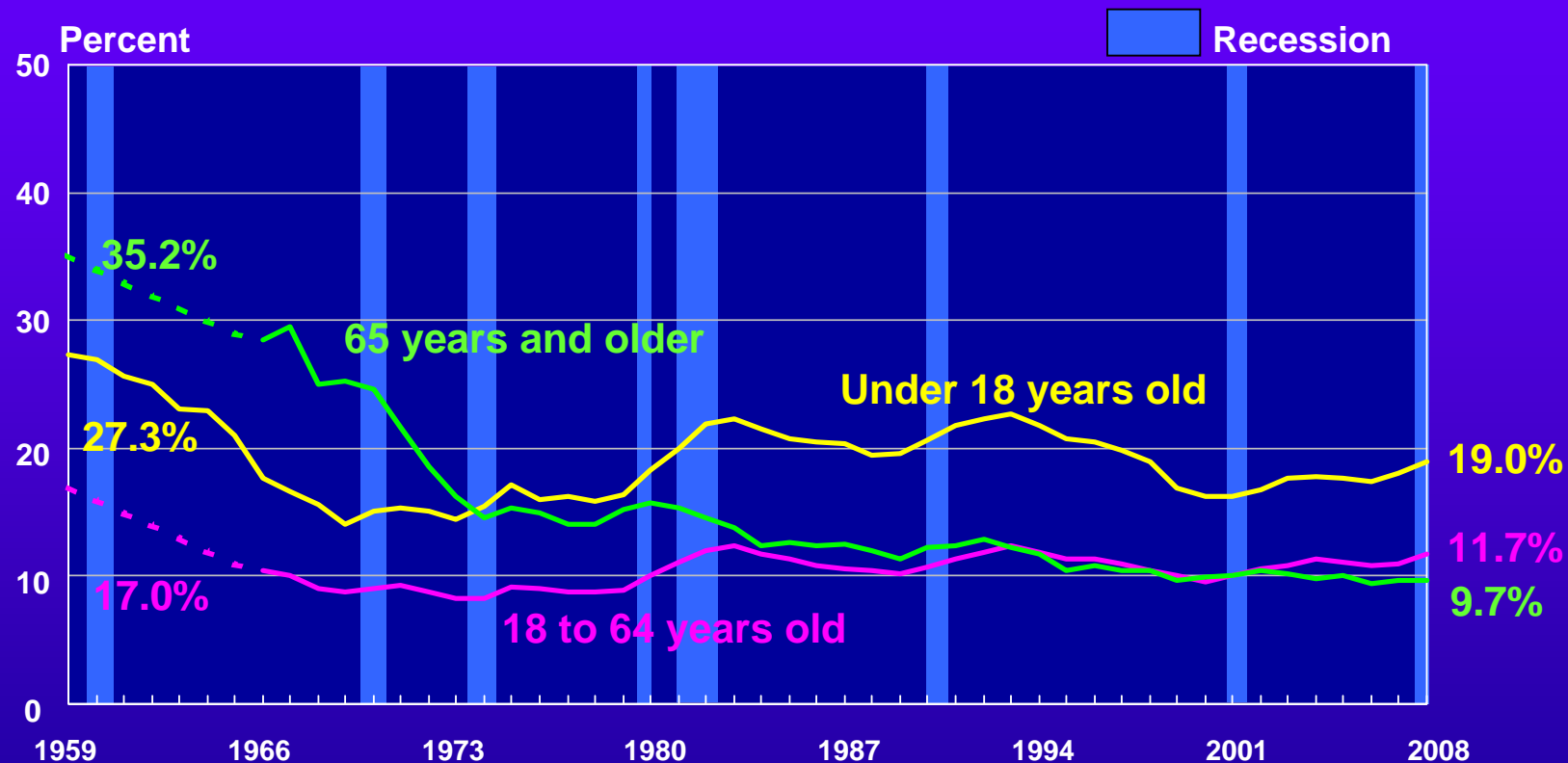
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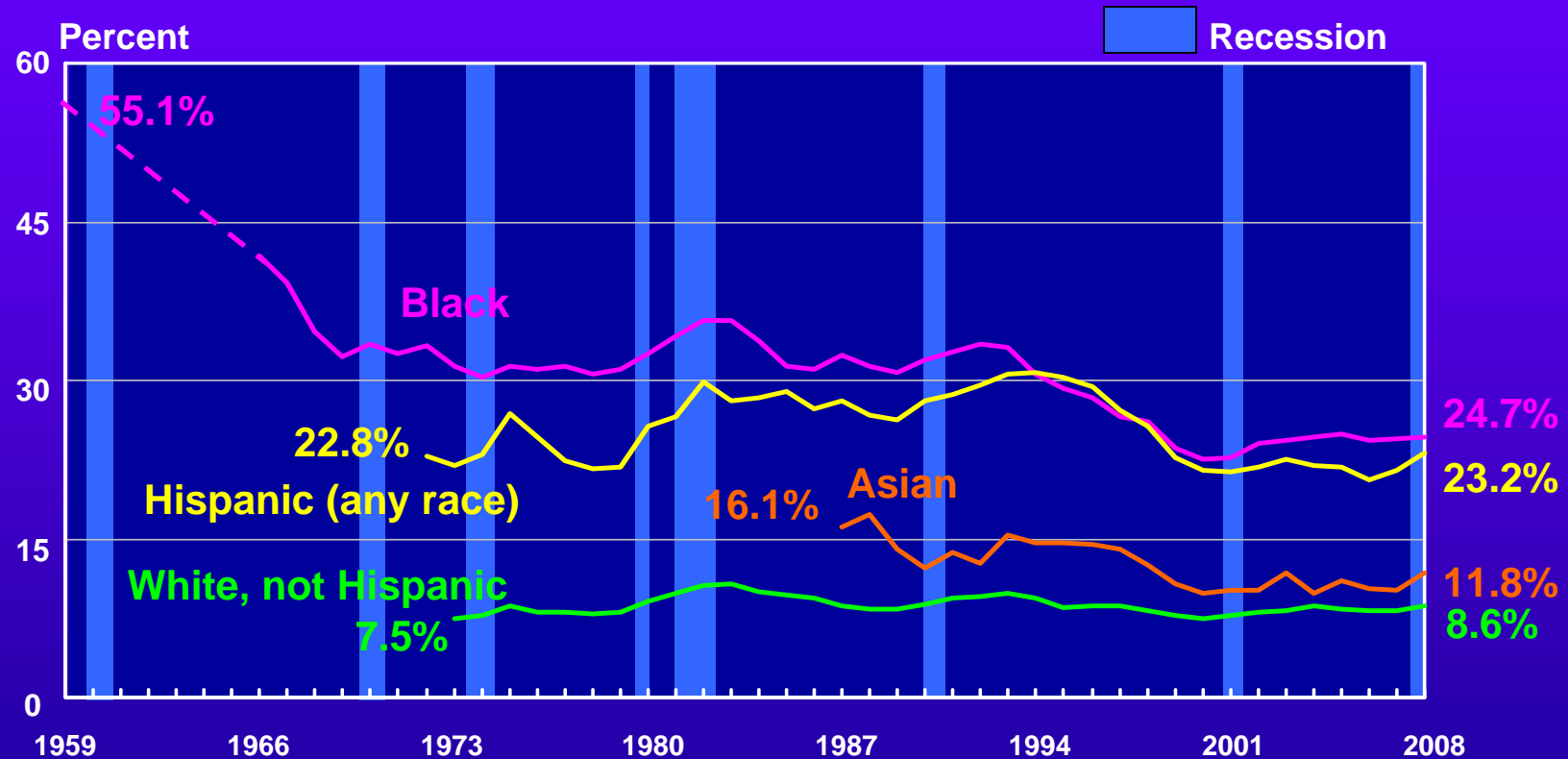
Poverty Rates by Age: 1959 to 2008



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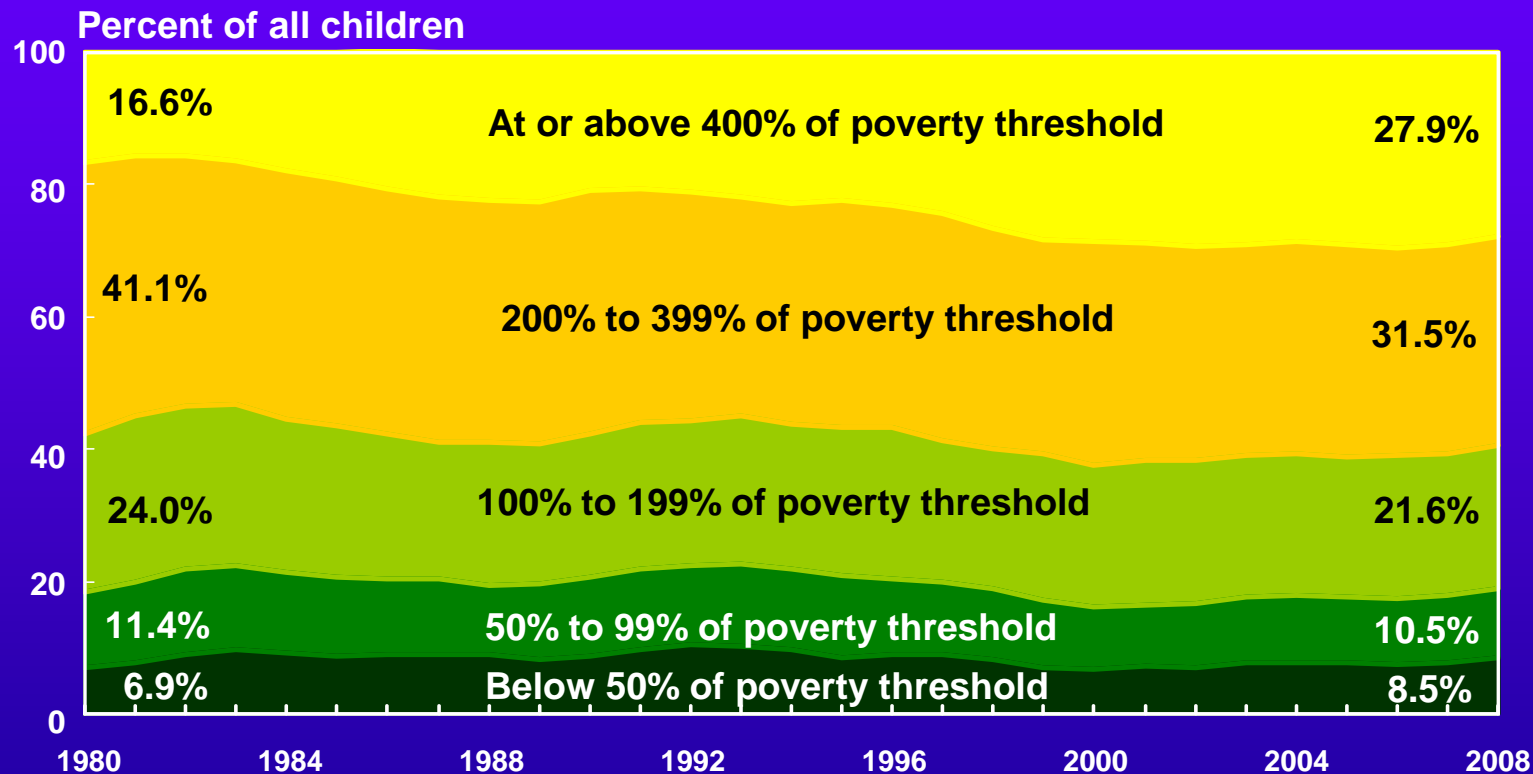
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Poverty by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 2008



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Children with Income Below Specified Ratio of Their Poverty Threshold: 1980 to 2008



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1981 to 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

Census Bureau Alternative Measures of Poverty and Income

- Poverty measures based on the recommendations of the 1995 National Academy of Sciences panel on Poverty and Family Assistance which use different poverty thresholds and after tax disposable income
- Income and poverty estimates that continue to use the official poverty thresholds but that add or subtract resources from the income definition
- Table Creator II which allows researchers to
 - Change the poverty threshold
 - Change the resource/income definition
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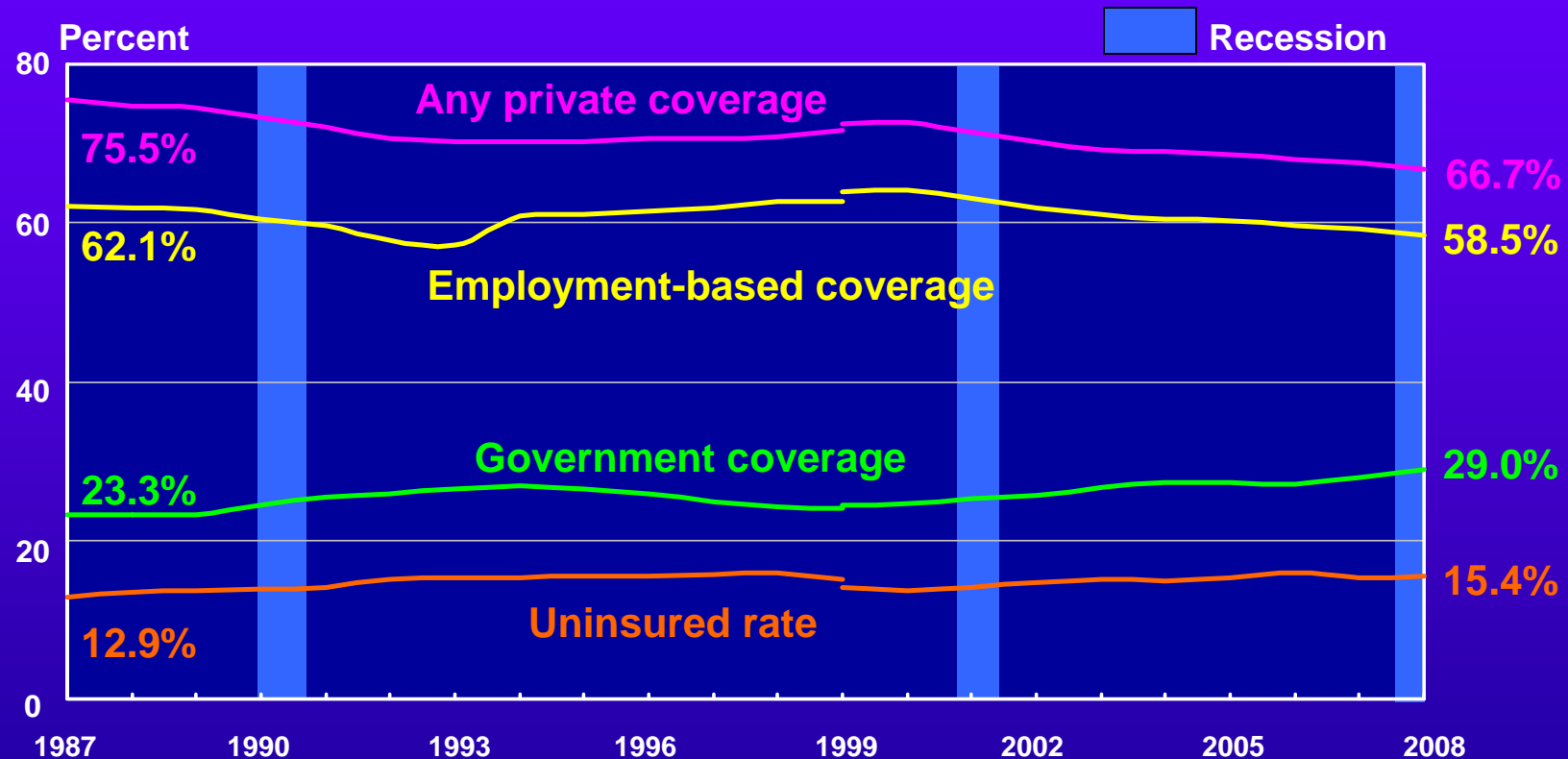
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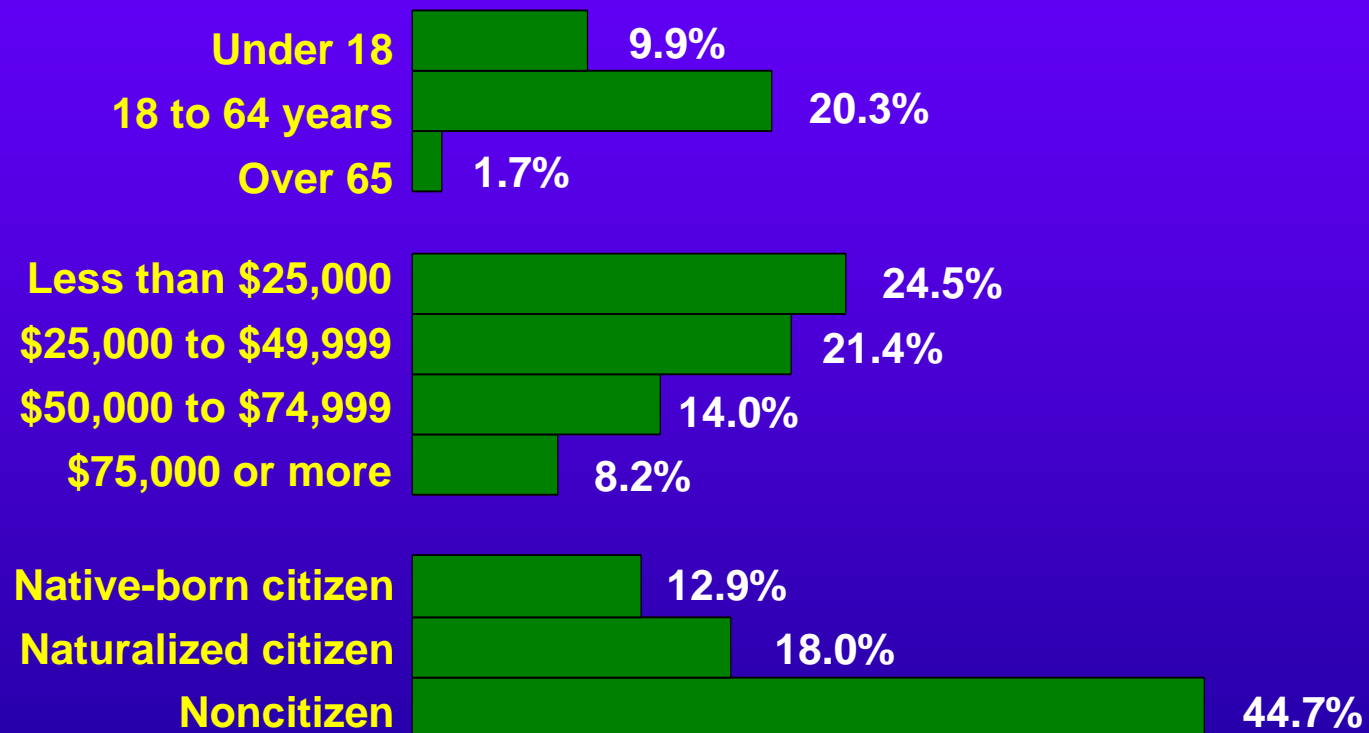
Percentage of People by Type of Health Insurance Coverage: 1987 to 2008



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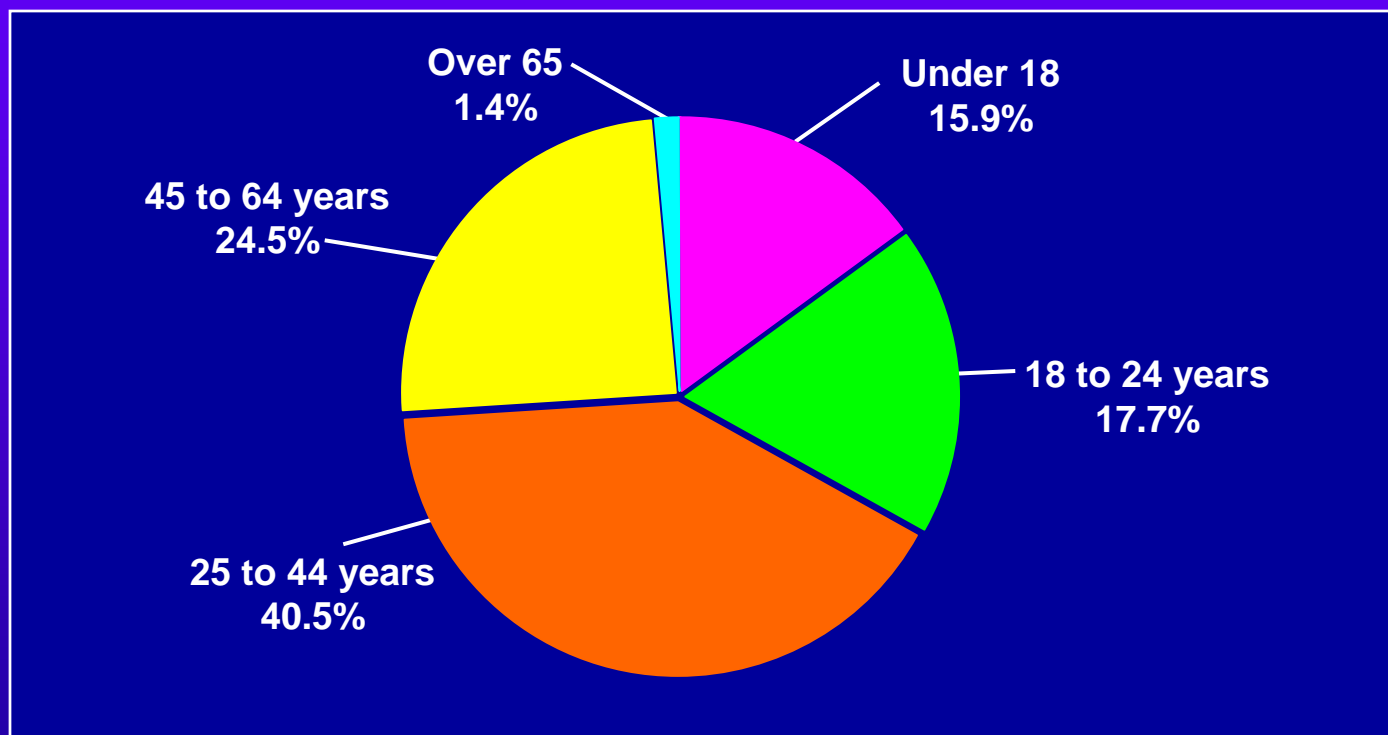
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Uninsured Rates by Selected Characteristics: 2008



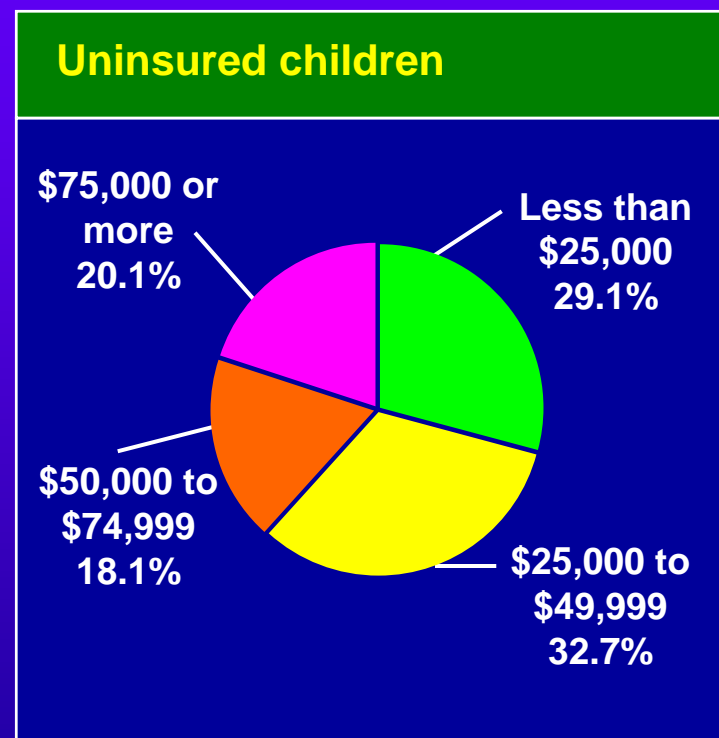
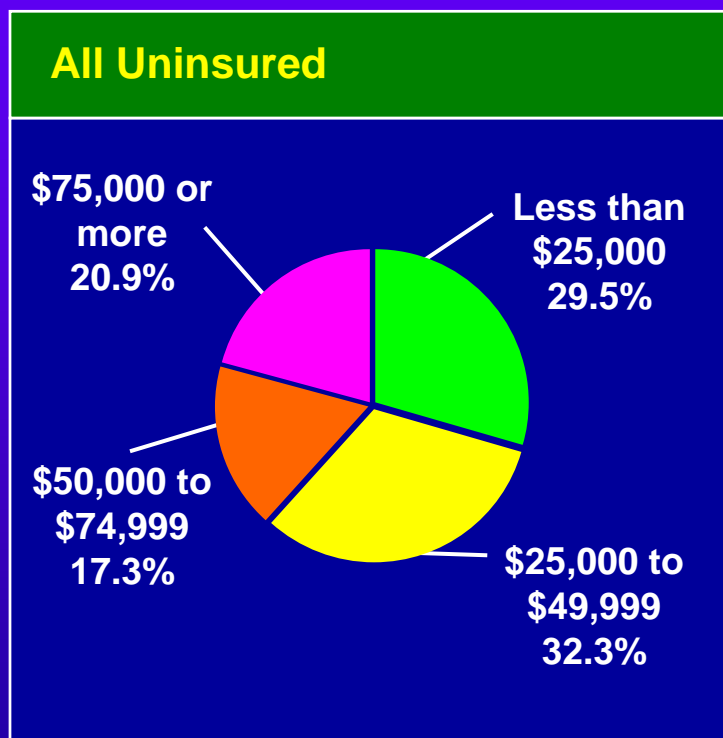
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Age Distribution of the Uninsured: 2008



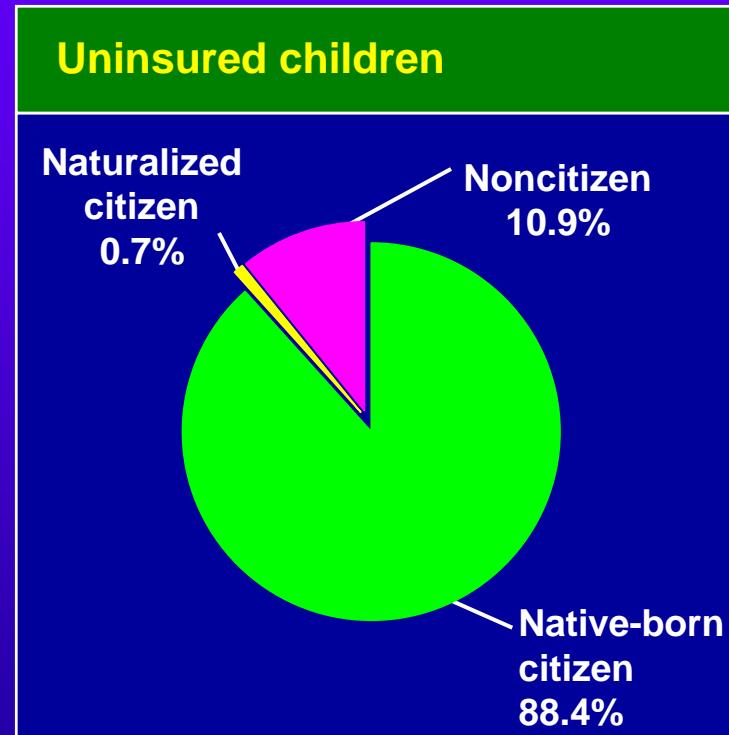
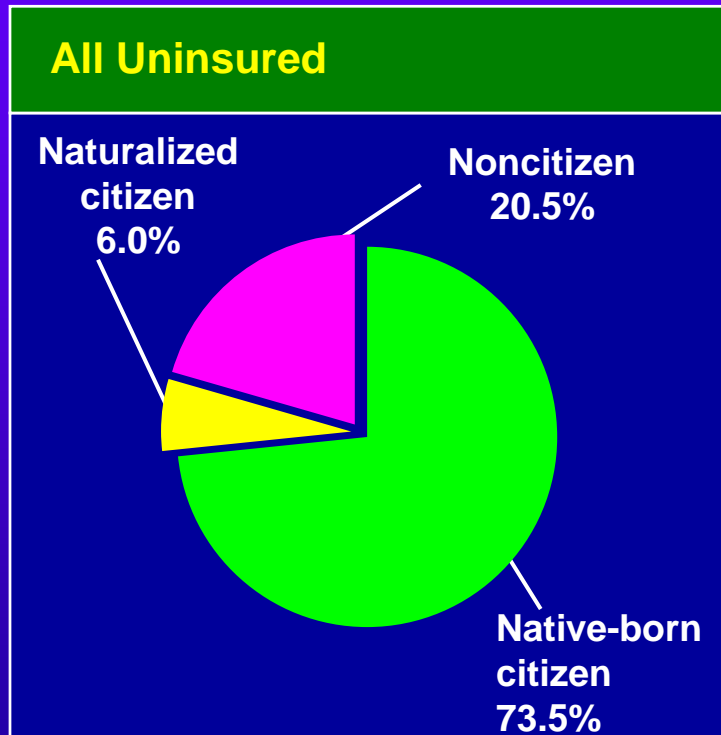
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Nativity, Citizenship Status of the Uninsured: 2008



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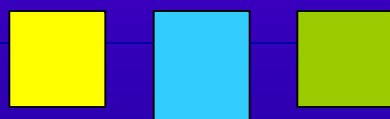
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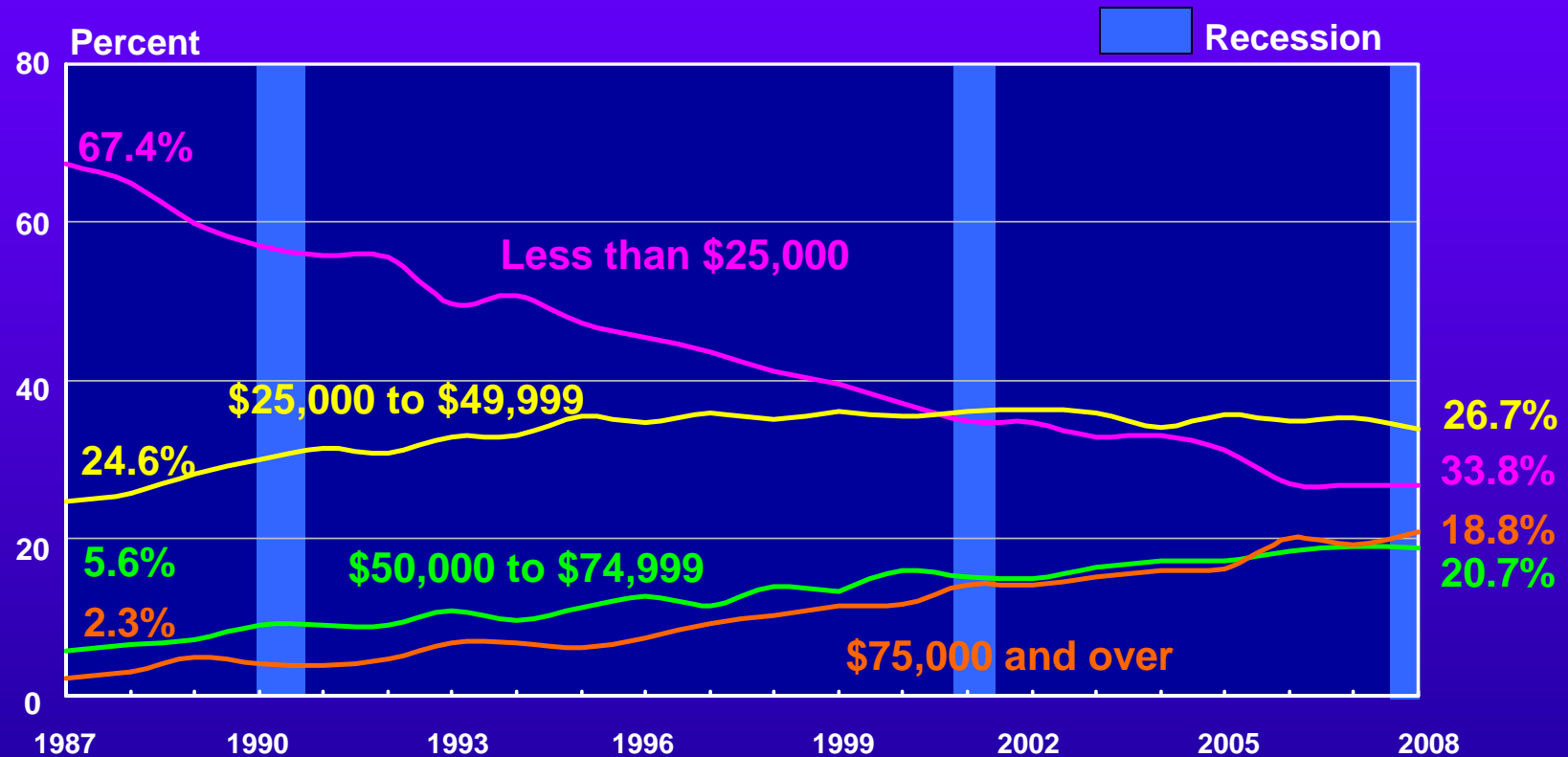
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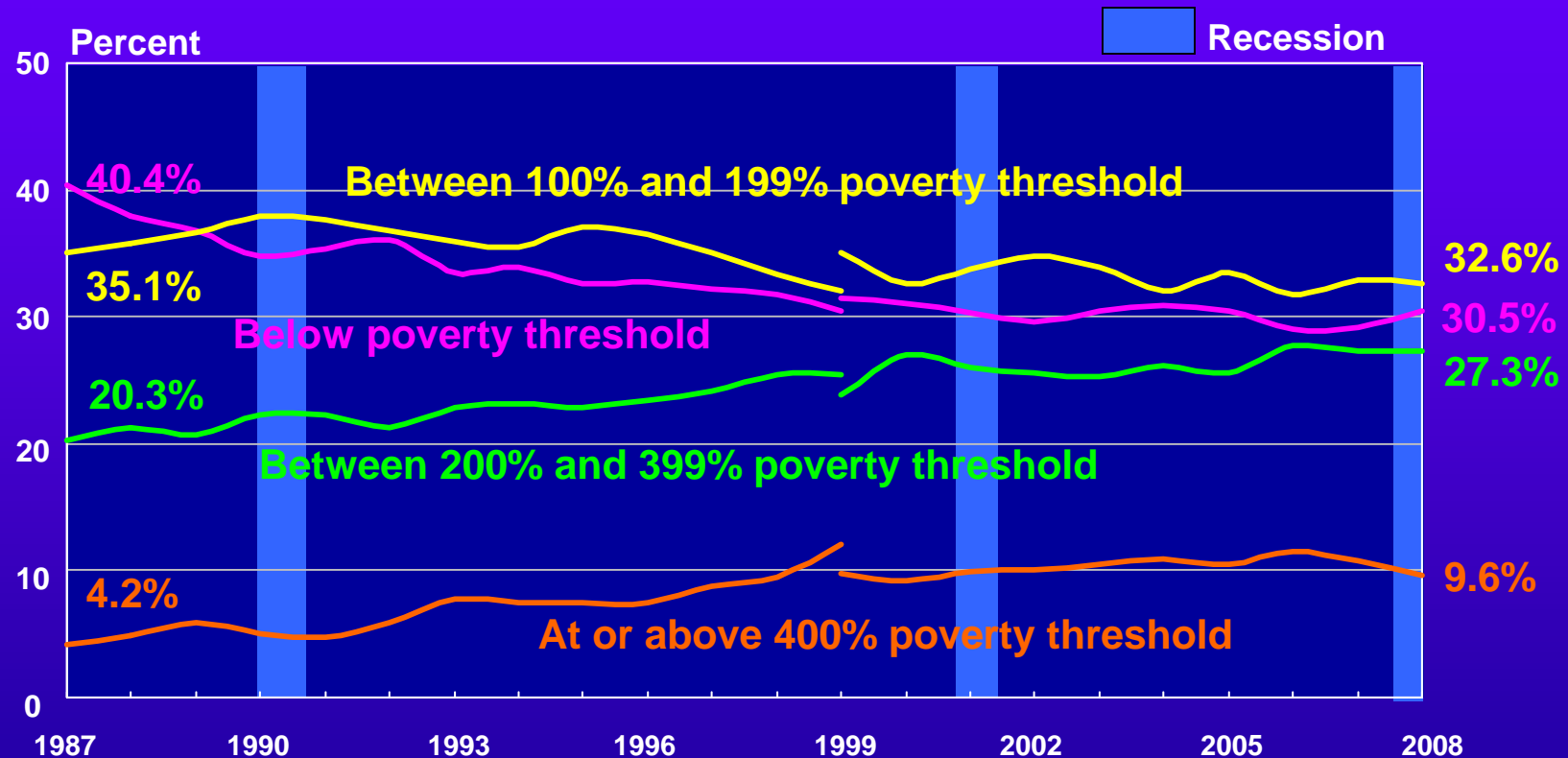
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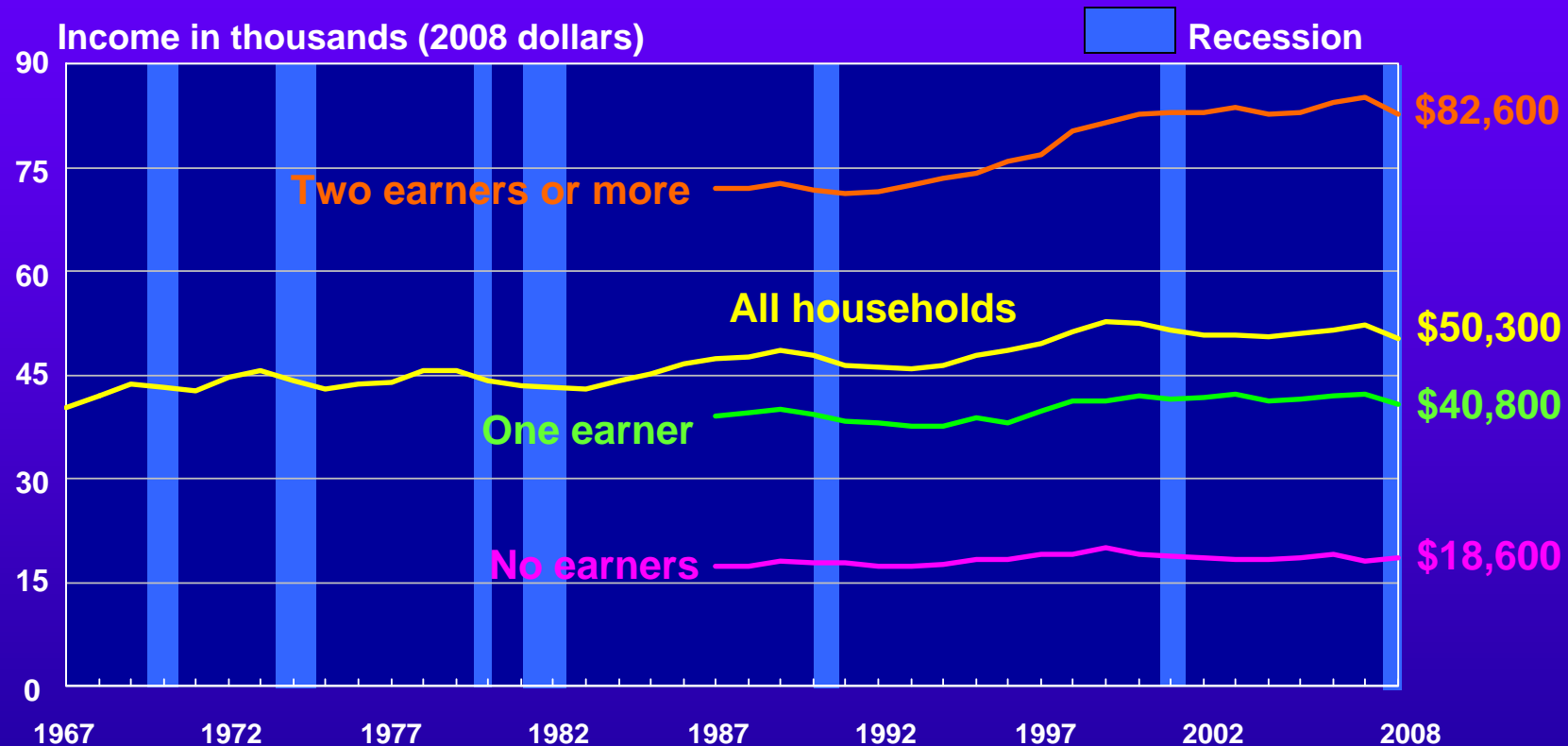
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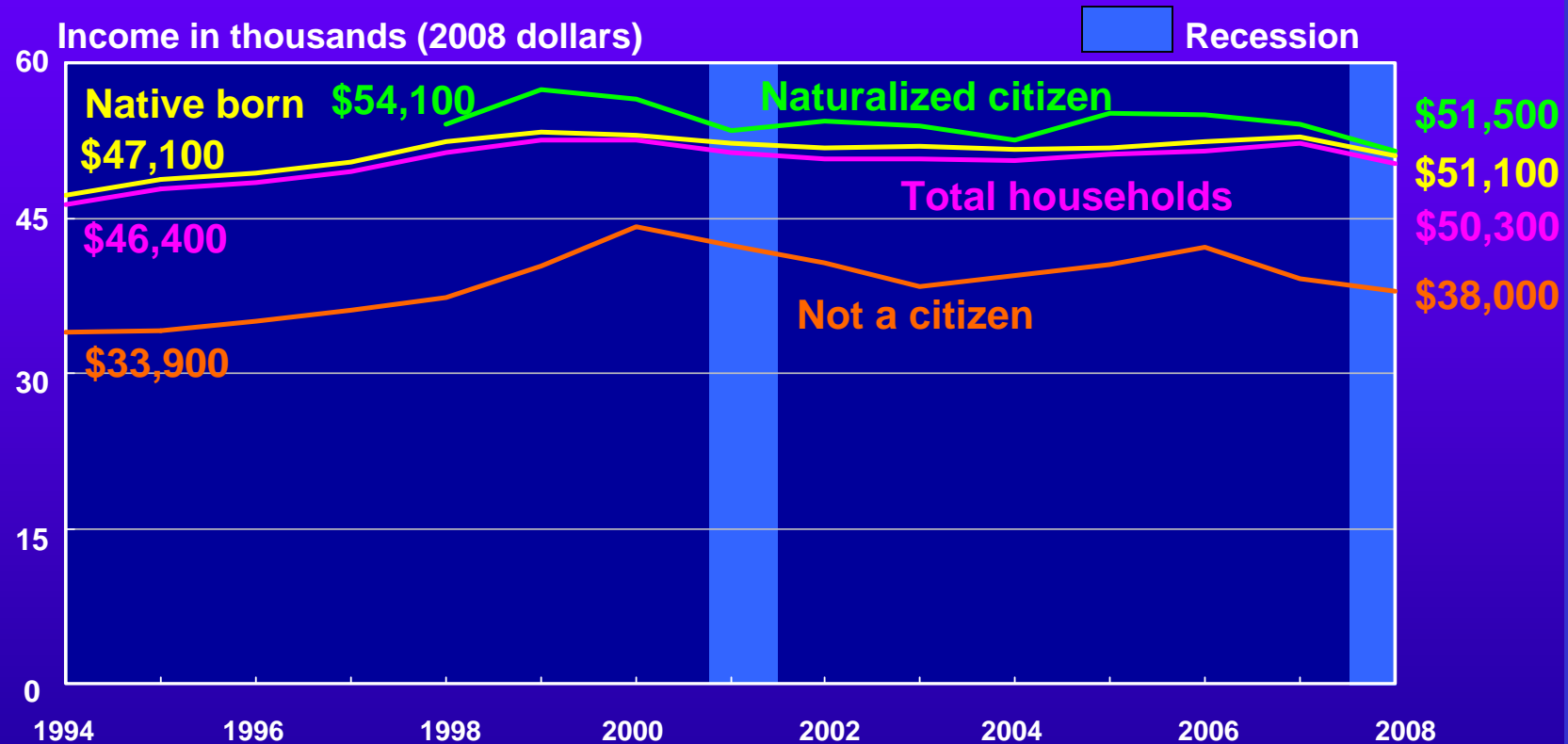
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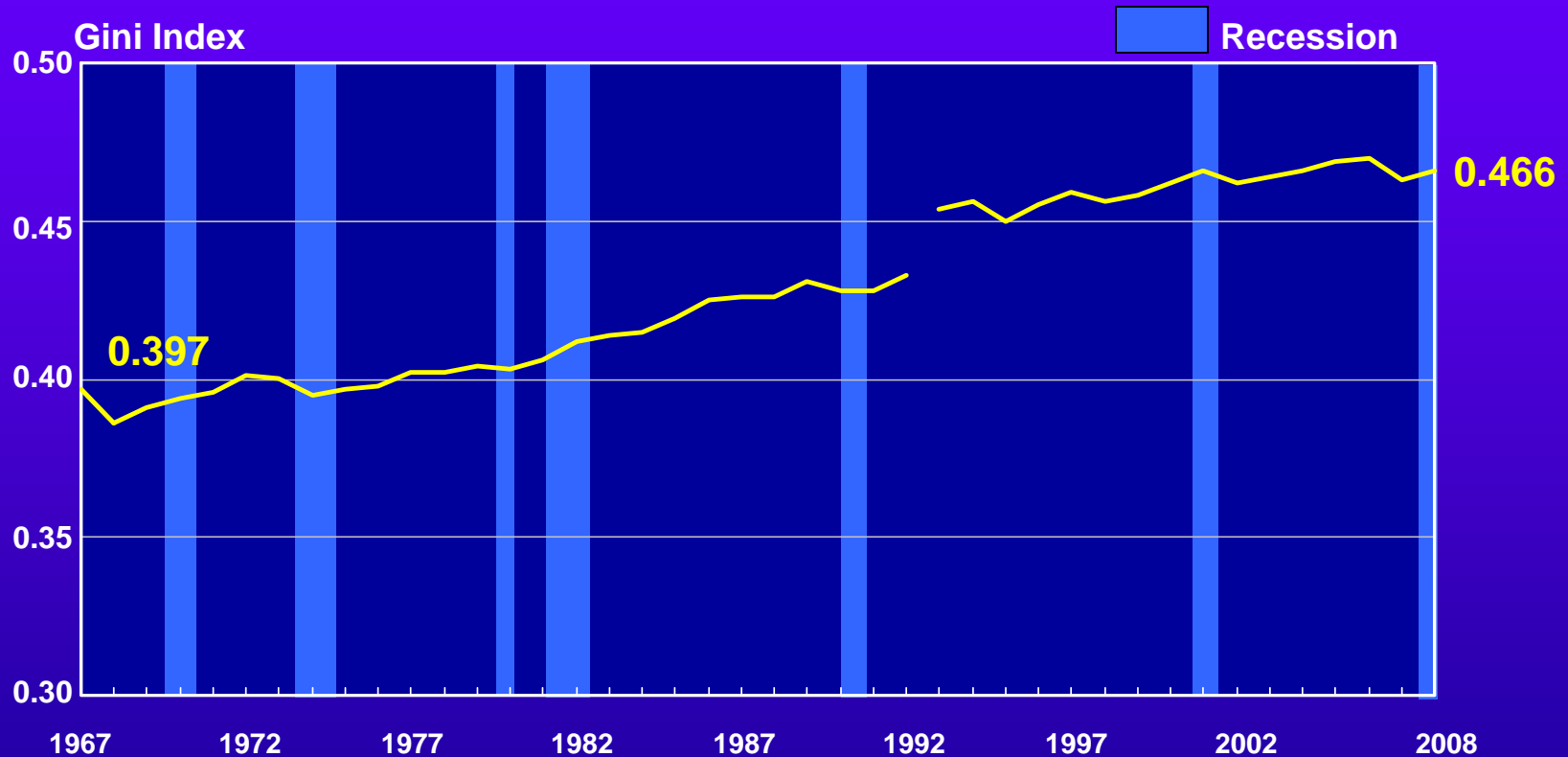
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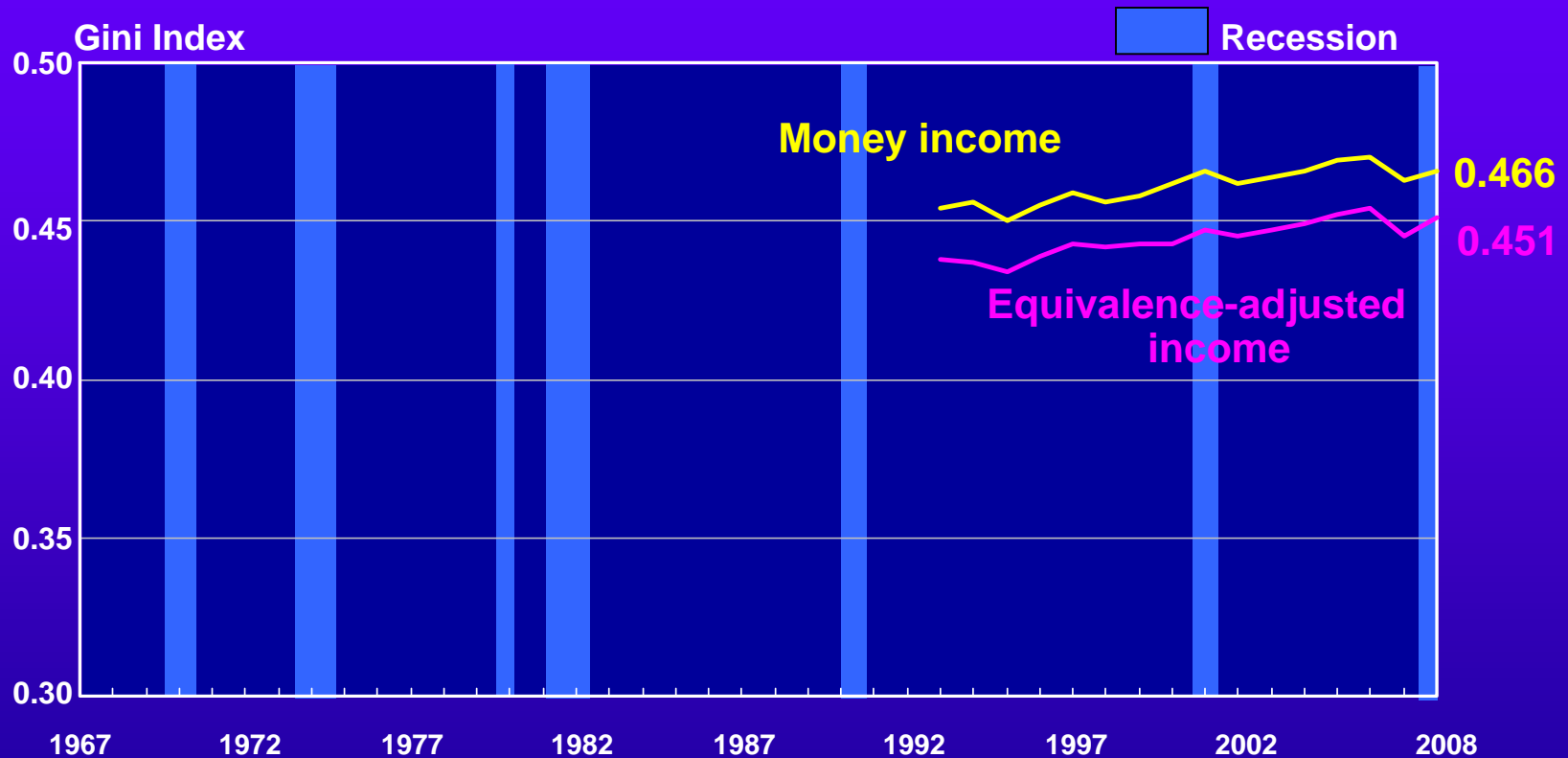
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Gini Index of Household Income Inequality: 1967 to 2008



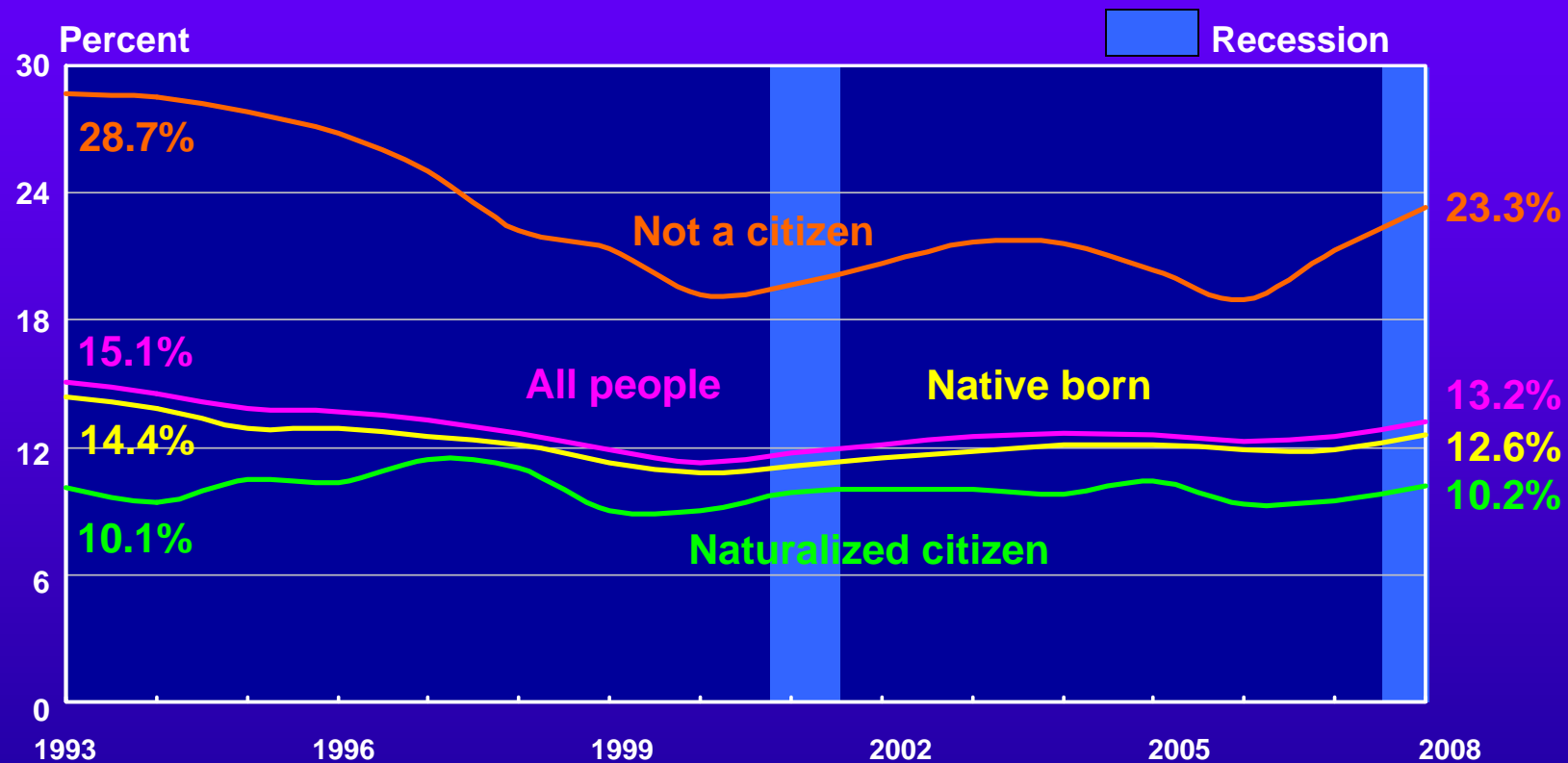
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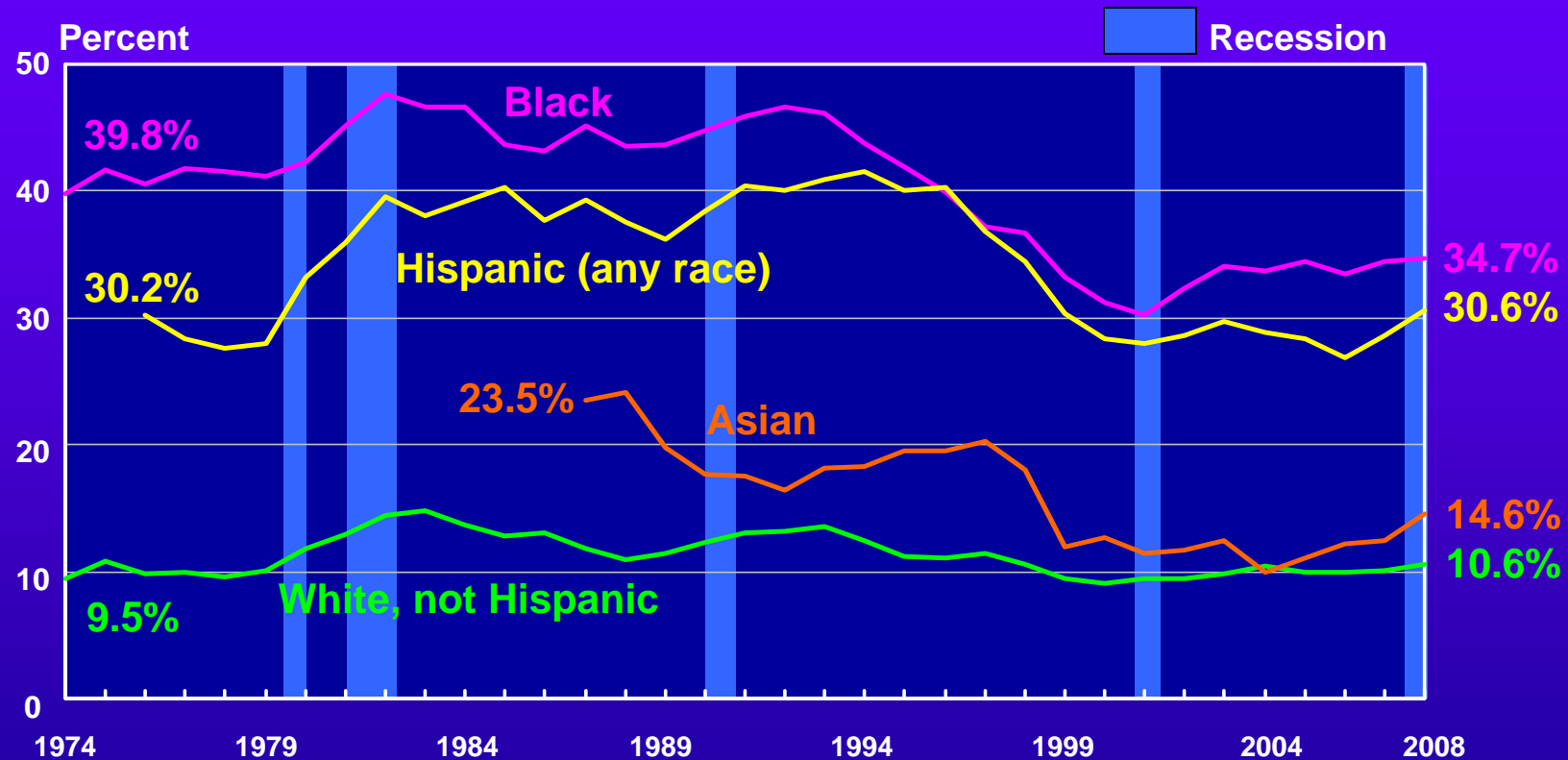
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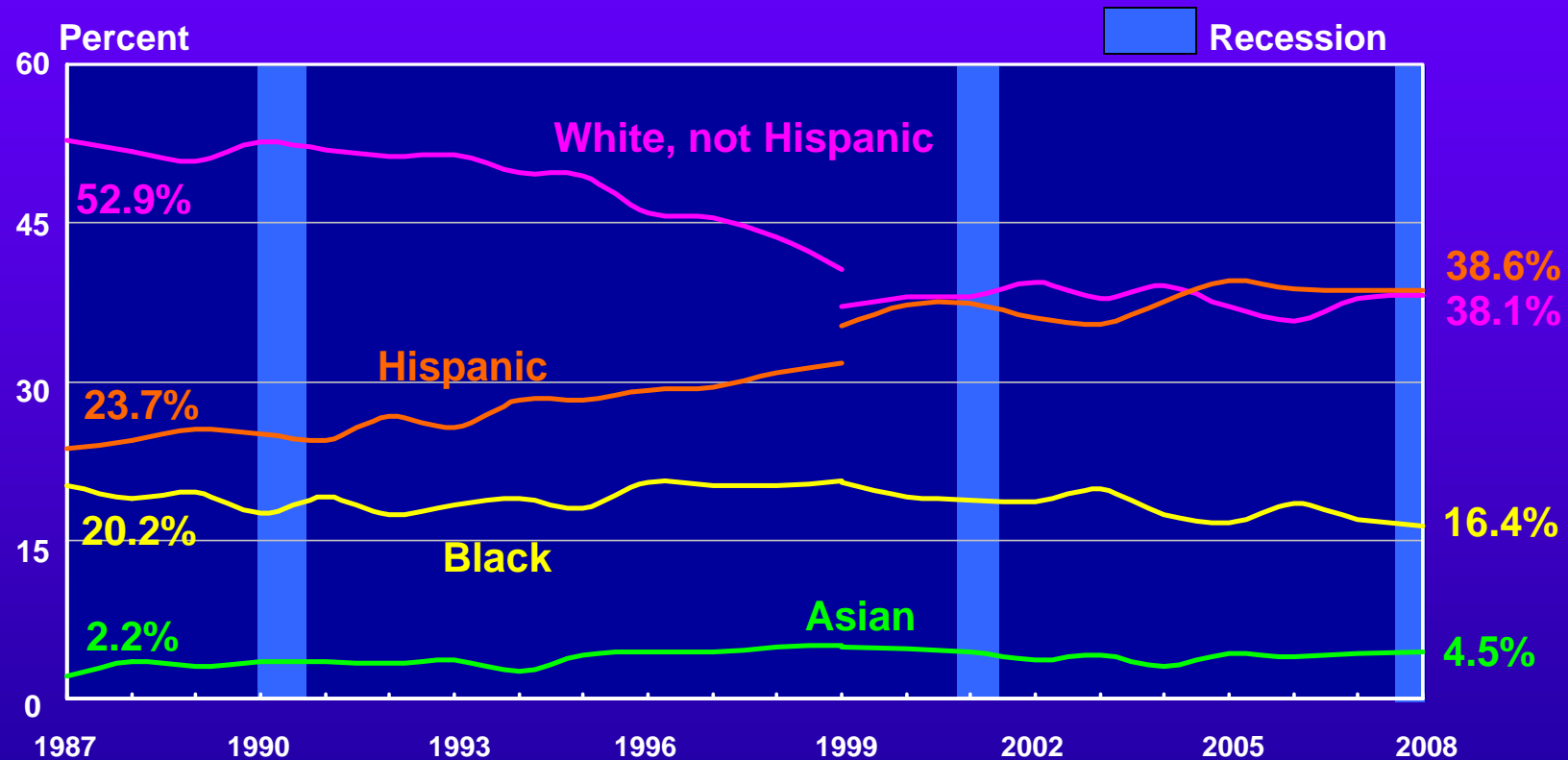
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